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1. Vasa Srzentic-Gluvi, a Yugoslav economist who returned to Yugoslavia recently after two years in the United States, has told friends that America is strong, both economically and militarily and that her preparations for war are "leaping ahead". The best evidence of this, he says, is the fact that the American people have decided to fight for the third time, not only to stop the spread of Communism, but also to dislodge Communism from the places which it has already occupied. He believes that in a third war the victory will lie with the Allies.
2. The same impressions, but in more moderate degree, were brought from America by Dr. Obren Blagojevic, another Yugoslav official who returned recently from an official mission to the United States.
3. In conversations which Srzentic and Blagojevic had with members of the Yugoslav Delegation to the United Nations in Paris, they expressed the above opinions. Srzentic was especially outspoken and fearless. This made a strong impression and caused great uneasiness among the members of the Yugoslav Delegation.
4. Some of the members of the Yugoslav Delegation complained to Blagojevic and Srzentic about the difficult position in which the Delegation and its members found themselves. Although the political line of Yugoslavia before the United Nations was similar to that of the Soviet Union, yet there was no contact between the Yugoslav Delegation and the Soviet Delegation other than strictly official contact.

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